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SUBJ: PERUVIAN AND CHILEAN DEFENSE MINISTERS MEET AT FRONTIER;
MOLINA CONFIRMS RICHTER PRADA AS EVENTUAL SUCCESSOR.

1. PERUVIAN MINISTER OF WAR ARMY GENERAL OSCAR MOLINA PALLO-
CCHIA (WHO IS ALSO PRIME MINISTER) AND HIS MILITARY COUNTERPART
CHILEAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE ARMY GENERAL HERMAN BRADY ROCHE,
MET MAR 19 AT THE PERU/CHILE BORDER. ACCORDING TO LIMA PAPERS,
THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS "TO SEARCH FOR NEW FORMS OF
COOPERATION AND TO STRENGTHEN EVEN FURTHER THE CORDIAL RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE ARMIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES." AT NOON MOLINA HOSTED
BRADY FOR LUNCH IN THE PERUVIAN CITY OF TACNA. LATER, BRADY
GAVE A DINNER FOR MOLINA IN ARICA ON THE CHILEAN SIDE OF THE
BORDER. ALMOST OFFHANDEDLY, MOLINA REMARKED TO BRADY THAT HE
COULD BE ASSURED OF CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS WHEN ARMY CHIEF OF
STAFF GENERAL PEDRO RICHTER PRADA ("A GOOD FRIEND OF YOURS")
SUCCEEDS HIM AS PRIME MINISTER ON MOLINA'S RETIREMENT NEXT YEAR.
TO OUR RECOLLECTION THIS IS THE FIRST TIME RICHTER HAS BEEN
PUBLICLY CONFIRMED TO THAT POSITION ALTHOUGH HE IS THE NEXT IN
SUCCESSION.

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2. COMMENT: THE WELL-PUBLICIZED BRADY/MOLINA MEETING WITH
ITS EXPRESSIONS OF MUTUAL GOOD WILL, EXCHANGES OF GIFTS, ETC.,
WAS APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO DEMONSTRATE ONCE MORE THAT CHILE/PERU
RELATIONS OFFER NO THREAT TO PEACE IN THE REGION.
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